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Drenaye L. Houston, Senior Attorney  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Division  
Environmental Enforcement Section  
Post Office Box 7611  
Washington, DC 20044-7611

**Re: United States v. Elsa Morgan-Skinner, et al.  
No. C-1-00-424: Indirect Cost Increases for  
Skinner Landfill Superfund Site**

Dear Ms. Houston:

On behalf of our client, The David Hirschberg Company, we herewith acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 20, 2000, to counsel for Non-Settling PRPs.

On October 14, 1999, on behalf of our client, we submitted to Michael J. O'Callaghan, Esquire data pertaining to our client's ability to pay the then proposed settlement of \$44,591.16.

By correspondence dated October 28, 1999 to Mr. O'Callaghan, we authorized him to furnish to the Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency the data that was sent to him on October 14, 1999.

Since that date, we have had several conversations with Mr. Craig Melodia, Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. EPA, Region 5, regarding the EPA's evaluation of our client's ability to pay. On June 21, 2000, Mr. Melodia informed me that a preliminary analysis had been made. He stated that it was his expectation that during July or August of this year the EPA will finalize its analysis and he will communicate to me a proposed offer of settlement.

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It is his hope, in which we join, that a final settlement can be agreed upon prior to October, 2000.

If you have any questions, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Melodia", written over the phrase "Very truly yours,".

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cc: Craig Melodia, Assistant Regional Counsel  
Michael J. O'Callaghan, Esq.  
Mr. Irvin Hirschberg